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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY MEMBERS INTERNATIONAL PRESS EXCHANGE

REFERENCE: BUCHAREST 1960, STATE 88052

HAMBY ADVISES IPE GROUP ARRIVING BUCHAREST FROM KISHINEV
VIA RAIL.

HAMBY SAYS HE WROTE BUCHAREST DIRECT MAY 8 PROVIDING GROUP'S
INTERESTS, ETC.

FOR MOSCOW - IPE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY INTOURIST VIA US
TRAVEL AGENT THAT ANTICIPATED TICKETS FOR BOLSHOI BALLET
EVENING OF MAY 18 NOT AVAILABLE AND THAT INTOURIST CANNOT
ARRANGE ANY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM. SENATOR MATHIAS (MD.)
OFFICE CONTACTED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE
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IN ARRANGING ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM. CAN EMBASSY SUGGEST

EVENTS SCHEDULED EVENING MAY 18; E.G., CIRCUS? PLEASE
ADVISE. PENDING EMBASSY'S REPLY, DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED
GROUP PUSH HARDER WITH U.S. TRAVEL AGENT TO ARRANGE ALTER-
NATIVE PROGRAM.

HAMBY ALSO ADVISES GROUP ORIGINALLY RECEIVED 34 VISAS BUT
NOW SAYS INTOURIST HAS SET LIMIT 25. THEREFORE, 7-9 IPE
GROUP WILL MAKE SIDE TRIP TO BUDAPEST AND JOIN GROUP IN
BUCHAREST ARRIVING VIA RAIL MAY 24 AT 5:20 A.M.
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